

**FCC Form 481 - Carrier Annual Reporting  
Data Collection Form**FCC Form 481  
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**(100) Service Quality Improvement Reporting  
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|-------|--|-------------|--|
| <110> | Has your company received its ETC certification from the FCC?  | (yes / no ) | <input type="radio"/> <input checked="" type="radio"/> |
| <111> | If your answer to Line <110> is yes, do you have an existing § 54.202(a) "5 year plan" filed with the FCC? | (yes / no ) | <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/>            |

If your answer to Line <111> is yes, please file a progress report, on line <112> delineating the status of your company's existing § 54.202(a) "5 year plan" on file with the FCC, as it relates to your provision of voice telephony service.

<112> Attach Five-Year Service Quality Improvement Plan or, in subsequent years, your annual progress report filed pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.313(a)(1). If your company is a CETC which only receives frozen support, your progress report is only required to address voice telephony service.

391668sd112.pdf

Name of Attached Document

Please select the appropriate responses below (Yes, No, Not Applicable) to confirm that the attached document(s), on line 112, contains a progress report on its five-year service quality improvement plan pursuant to § 54.202(a). The information shall be submitted at the wire center level or census block as appropriate.

<113> Maps detailing progress towards meeting plan targets  
 <114> Report how much universal service (USF) support was received  
 <115> How much (USF) was used to improve service quality and how support was used to improve service quality  
 <116> How much (USF) was used to improve service coverage and how support was used to improve service coverage  
 <117> How much (USF) was used to improve service capacity and how support was used to improve service capacity  
 <118> Provide an explanation of network improvement targets not met in the prior calendar year.

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|----------------|
| Yes            |
| Yes            |
| Yes            |
| Yes            |
| Yes            |
| Not Applicable |

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<210> For the prior calendar year, were there any reportable voice service outages? Yes

-- See attached worksheet --

**(300) Unfulfilled Service Request  
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&lt;300&gt; Unfulfilled service request (voice)

0

&lt;310&gt; Detail on attempts (voice)

Name of Attached Document

&lt;320&gt; Unfulfilled service request (broadband)

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&lt;330&gt; Detail on attempts (broadband)

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| <400> | Select from the drop-down list to indicate how you would like to report voice complaints (zero or greater) for voice telephony service in the prior calendar year for each service area in which you are designated an ETC for any facilities you own, operate, lease, or otherwise utilize. Offered only fixed voice           |                                       |
| <410> | Complaints per 1000 customers for fixed voice   | 0 . 0                                 |
| <420> | Complaints per 1000 customers for mobile voice  |                                       |
| <430> | Select from the drop-down list to indicate how you would like to report end-user customer complaints (zero or greater) for broadband service in the prior calendar year for each service area in which you are designated an ETC for any facilities you own, operate, lease, or otherwise utilize. Offered only fixed broadband |                                       |
| <440> | Complaints per 1000 customers for fixed broadband   | 0 . 0                                 |
| <450> | Complaints per 1000 customers for mobile broadband  |                                       |

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| <500>           | Certify compliance with applicable service quality standards and consumer protection rules | Yes                                   |
| 391668sd510.pdf |  |                                       |
| <510>           | Descriptive document for Service Quality Standards & Consumer Protection Rules Compliance  |                                       |

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| <b>(600) Functionality in Emergency Situations</b> |  | FCC Form 481  |
| <b>Data Collection Form</b>                        |  | OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 |
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| <600> | Certify compliance regarding ability to function in emergency situations      | Yes                                   |
| <610> | Descriptive document for Functionality in Emergency Situations                | 391668sd610.pdf                       |

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-- See attached worksheet



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**(800) Operating Companies  
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| <810> | Reporting Carrier   | Kennebec Telephone Company            |
| <811> | Holding Company   | Not Applicable                        |
| <812> | Operating Company   | NA                                    |

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**(900) Tribal Lands Reporting  
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&lt;900&gt; Does the filing entity offer tribal land services? (Y/N) Yes

&lt;910&gt; Tribal Land(s) on which ETC Serves

Lower Brule Reservation

&lt;920&gt; Tribal Government Engagement Obligation

391668sd920.pdf

Name of Attached Document

If your company serves Tribal lands, please select (Yes, No, NA) for each these boxes to confirm the status described on the attached document(s), on line 920, demonstrates coordination with the Tribal government pursuant to § 54.313(a)(9) includes:

- <921> Needs assessment and deployment planning with a focus on Tribal community anchor institutions.
- <922> Feasibility and sustainability planning;
- <923> Marketing services in a culturally sensitive manner;
- <924> Compliance with Rights of way processes
- <925> Compliance with Land Use permitting requirements
- <926> Compliance with Facilities Siting rules
- <927> Compliance with Environmental Review processes
- <928> Compliance with Cultural Preservation review processes
- <929> Compliance with Tribal Business and Licensing requirements.

| Select<br>Yes or No or<br>Not Applicable |
|--|
| Yes                                      |
|  |
| Yes                                      |
| Yes                                      |
| Yes                                      |
| Yes                                      |
| Yes                                      |
| Yes                                      |
| Yes                                      |

**(1000) Voice and Broadband Service Rate Comparability  
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<1000> Voice services rate comparability certification Yes

<1010> Attach detailed description for voice services rate comparability compliance

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Name of Attached Document

<1020> Broadband comparability certification Yes - Pricing is no more than the most recent applicable benchmark announced by the Wireline Competition Bureau

<1030> Attach detailed description for broadband comparability compliance

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Name of Attached Document

**(1100) No Terrestrial Backhaul Reporting  
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&lt;1100&gt; Certify whether terrestrial backhaul options exist (Y/N)

Yes

&lt;1130&gt; Please select the appropriate response (Yes, No, Not Applicable) to confirm the reporting carrier offers broadband service of at least 1 Mbps downstream and 256 kbps upstream within the supported area pursuant to § 54.313(g).

**(1200) Terms and Condition for Lifeline Customers**  
**Lifeline**  
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391668sd1210.pdf

<1210> Terms & Conditions of Voice Telephony Lifeline Plans

Name of Attached Document

<1220> Link to Public Website

HTTP

"Please check these boxes below to confirm that the attached document(s), on line 1210, or the website listed, on line 1220, contains the required information pursuant to § 54.422(a)(2) annual reporting for ETCs receiving low-income support, carriers must annually report:

- |        |   |                                     |
|--------|---|-------------------------------------|
| <1221> | Information describing the terms and conditions of any voice telephony service plans offered to Lifeline subscribers, | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <1222> | Details on the number of minutes provided as part of the plan,  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <1223> | Additional charges for toll calls, and rates for each such plan.  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

**(2000) Price Cap Carrier Additional Documentation**

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*Including Rate-of-Return Carriers affiliated with Price Cap Local Exchange Carriers*

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Select the appropriate responses below (Yes, No, Not Applicable) to note compliance as a recipient of Incremental High Cost support, High Cost support to offset access charge reductions, and Connect America Phase II support as set forth in 47 CFR § 54.313(b),(c),(d),(e). The information reported on this form and in the documents attached below is accurate.

**Incremental Connect America Phase I reporting**

- <2010> 2nd Year Certification 47 CFR § 54.313(b)(1)(i) - Note that for the July 1 2016 certification, this applies to Round 2 recipients of Incremental Support
- <2011> 3rd Year Certification 47 CFR § 54.313(b)(1)(ii) - Note that for the July 1 2016 certification, this applies to Round 1 recipients of Incremental Support
- <2022> Recipient certifies, representing year two after filing a notice of acceptance of funding pursuant to 54.312(c), that the locations in question are not receiving support under the Broadband Initiatives Program or the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program for projects that will provide broadband with speeds of at least 4 Mbps/1Mbps - 54.313(b)(2)(i). Round 2 recipients only.
- <2023> The attachment on line 2024 includes a statement of the total amount of capital funding expended in the previous year in meeting Connect America Phase I deployment obligations, accompanied by a list of census blocks indicating where funding was spent. This covers year two - 54.313(b)(2)(ii). Round 2 recipients only.
- <2024A> Round 2 Recipient of Incremental Support?
- <2024B> Attach list of census blocks indicating where funding was spent in year two - 54.313(b)(2)(ii). Round 2 recipients only.
- <2025A> Round 1 or Round 2 Recipient of Incremental Support?
- <2025B> Attach geocoded Information for Phase I milestone reports (Round 1 for year three and Round 2 for year two) - Connect America Fund , WC Docket 10-90, Report and Order, FCC 13-
- <2015> 2016 and future Frozen Support Certification 47 CFR § 54.313(c)(4)

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Required Information

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**(2000) Price Cap Carrier Additional Documentation (Continued)**

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**Price Cap Carrier Connect America ICC Support {47 CFR § 54.313(d)}**

&lt;2016&gt; Certification support used to build broadband

**Connect America Phase II Reporting {47 CFR § 54.313(e)}**

&lt;2017A&gt; Connect America Fund Phase II recipient?

&lt;2017B&gt; Attach information for Phase II - 54.313(e)(1) - list of geocoded locations already meeting the 54.309 public interest obligations at the end of calendar year 2015 and total amount of Phase II support, if any, the price

Name of Attached Document Listing  
Required Information

cap carrier used for capital expenditures in 2015.

&lt;2018&gt; Attach the number, names, and addresses of community anchor institutions to which the carrier newly began providing access to broadband service in the preceding calendar year - 54.313(e)(2)(ii)

Name of Attached Document Listing  
Required Information

&lt;2019&gt; Recipient certifies that it bid on category one telecommunications and Internet access services in response to all FCC Form 470 postings seeking broadband service that meets the connectivity targets for the schools and libraries universal service support program for eligible schools and libraries located within any area in a census block where the carrier is receiving Phase II model-based support, and that such bids were at rates reasonably comparable to rates charged to eligible schools and libraries in urban areas for comparable offerings - 54.313(e)(2)(v)

&lt;2020&gt; Recipient certifies that it offered broadband meeting the requisite public interest obligations specified in §54.309 to 40% of its supported locations in the state on December 31, 2017 - 54.313(e)(3)

&lt;2021&gt; Recipient certifies that it offered broadband meeting the requisite public interest obligations specified in §54.309 to 60% of its supported locations in the state on December 31, 2018 - 54.313(e)(4)

&lt;2026&gt; Recipient certifies that it offered broadband meeting the requisite public interest obligations specified in §54.309 to 80% of its supported locations in the state on December 31, 2019 - 54.313(e)(5)

&lt;2027&gt; Recipient certifies that it offered broadband meeting the requisite public interest obligations specified in §54.309 to 100% of its supported locations in the state on December 31, 2020 - 54.313(e)(6)



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Complete the items below to note compliance with five year service quality plan (pursuant to 47 CFR § 54.202(a)) and, for privately held carriers, ensuring compliance with the financial reporting requirements set forth in 47 CFR § 54.313(f)(2). I further certify that the information reported on this form and in the documents attached below is accurate.

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|---------|--|--|--|
| (3009)  | Progress Report on 5 Year Plan<br>Carrier certifies to 54.313(f)(1)(iii)   |  |  |
| (3010A) | Milestone Certification {47 CFR § 54.313(f)(1)(i)}   | Yes - Attach Certification                             |  |
| (3010B) | Please Provide Attachment  | Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information | 391668sd3010.pdf                                       |
| (3012A) | Community Anchor Institutions {47 CFR § 54.313(f)(1)(ii)}  | No - No New Community Anchors                          |  |
| (3012B) | Please Provide Attachment  | Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information |  |
| (3013)  | Is your company a Privately Held ROR Carrier {47 CFR § 54.313(f)(2)}   | (Yes/No)   | <input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> |
| (3014)  | If yes, does your company file the RUS annual report   | (Yes/No)   | <input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> |
| (3015)  | Please check these boxes to confirm that the attached PDF, on line 3017, contains the required information pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2) compliance requires:<br>Electronic copy of their annual RUS reports (Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers)  |  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>                    |
| (3016)  | Document(s) with Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows   |  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>                    |
| (3017)  | If the response is yes on line 3014, attach your company's RUS annual report and all required documentation  | Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information | 391668sd3017.pdf                                       |
| (3018)  | If the response is no on line 3014, is your company audited?   | (Yes/No)   | <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/>            |
| (3019)  | If the response is yes on line 3018, please check the boxes below to confirm your submission on line 3026 pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2), contains:<br>Either a copy of their audited financial statement; or (2) a financial report in a format comparable to RUS Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers   |  | <input type="checkbox"/>                               |
| (3020)  | Document(s) for Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows  |  | <input type="checkbox"/>                               |
| (3021)  | Management letter and/or audit opinion issued by the independent certified public accountant that performed the company's financial audit.   |  | <input type="checkbox"/>                               |
| (3022)  | If the response is no on line 3018, please check the boxes below to confirm your submission on line 3026 pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2), contains:<br>Copy of their financial statement which has been subject to review by an independent certified public accountant; or 2) a financial report in a format comparable to RUS Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers |  | <input type="checkbox"/>                               |
| (3023)  | Underlying information subjected to a review by an independent certified public accountant   |  | <input type="checkbox"/>                               |
| (3024)  | Underlying information subjected to an officer certification.  |  | <input type="checkbox"/>                               |
| (3025)  | Document(s) for Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows  |  | <input type="checkbox"/>                               |
| (3026)  | Attach the worksheet listing required information  | Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information |  |

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## (3005) Rate Of Return Carrier Additional Documentation (Continued)

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### Financial Data Summary

(3027) Revenue

(3028) Operating Expenses

(3029) Net Income

(3030) Telephone Plant In Service(TPIS)

(3031) Total Assets

(3032) Total Debt

(3033) Total Equity

(3034) Dividends

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**4005 Rural Broadband Experiment**

Authorized Rural Broadband Experiment (RBE) recipients must address the certification for public interest obligations, provide a list of newly served community anchor institutions, and provide a list of locations where broadband has been deployed.

**Public Interest Obligations – FCC 14-98 (paragraphs 26-29, 78)**

Please address Line 4001 regarding compliance with the Commission’s public interest obligations. All RBE participants must provide a response to Line 4001.

**4001.** Recipient certifies that it is offering broadband to the identified locations meeting the requisite public interest obligations consistent with the category for which they were selected, including broadband speed, latency, usage capacity, and rates that are reasonably comparable to rates for comparable offerings in urban areas?

**Community Anchor Institutions – FCC 14-98 (paragraph 79)**

**4003a.** RBE participants must provide the number, names, and addresses of community anchor institutions to which they newly deployed broadband service in the preceding calendar year. On this line, please respond (yes – attach new community anchors, no – no new anchors) to indicate whether this list will be provided.

**If yes to 4003A, please provide a response for 4003B.**

**4003b.** Provide the number, names and addresses of community anchor institutions to which the recipient newly began providing access to broadband service in the preceding calendar year.

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

**Broadband Deployment Locations – FCC 14-98 (paragraph 80)**

**4004a.** Attach a list of geocoded locations to which broadband has been deployed as of the June 1st immediately preceding the July 1st filing deadline for the FCC Form 481.

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

**4004b.** Attach evidence demonstrating that the recipient is meeting the relevant public service obligations for the identified locations. Materials must at least detail the pricing, offered broadband speed and data usage allowances available in the relevant geographic area.

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

**Certification - Reporting Carrier  
Data Collection Form**

 FCC Form 481  
 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819  
 July 2013

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| <010> | Study Area Code   | 391668                                |
| <015> | Study Area Name   | KENNEBEC TEL CO                       |
| <020> | Program Year  | 2017                                  |
| <030> | Contact Name - Person USAC should contact regarding this data                 | Judy Christiansen                     |
| <035> | Contact Telephone Number - Number of person identified in data line <030>     | 4028181322 ext.                       |
| <039> | Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030> | jchristiansen@consortiaconsulting.com |

**TO BE COMPLETED BY THE REPORTING CARRIER, IF THE REPORTING CARRIER IS FILING ANNUAL REPORTING ON ITS OWN BEHALF:**

| Certification of Officer as to the Accuracy of the Data Reported for the Annual Reporting for CAF or LI Recipients  |                                |
|---|--------------------------------|
| I certify that I am an officer of the reporting carrier; my responsibilities include ensuring the accuracy of the annual reporting requirements for universal service support recipients; and, to the best of my knowledge, the information reported on this form and in any attachments is accurate. |                                |
| Name of Reporting Carrier:  |                                |
| Signature of Authorized Officer:  | Date                           |
| Printed name of Authorized Officer:   |                                |
| Title or position of Authorized Officer:  |                                |
| Telephone number of Authorized Officer:   |                                |
| Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier:   | Filing Due Date for this form: |
| Persons willfully making false statements on this form can be punished by fine or forfeiture under the Communications Act of 1934, 47 U.S.C. §§ 502, 503(b), or fine or imprisonment under Title 18 of the United States Code, 18 U.S.C. § 1001.  |                                |

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| <b>Certification - Agent / Carrier<br/>Data Collection Form</b> | FCC Form 481<br>OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819<br>July 2013 |
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| <039> Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030> | jchristiansen@consortiaconsulting.com |

**TO BE COMPLETED BY THE REPORTING CARRIER, IF AN AGENT IS FILING ANNUAL REPORTS ON THE CARRIER'S BEHALF:**

| Certification of Officer to Authorize an Agent to File Annual Reports for CAF or LI Recipients on Behalf of Reporting Carrier  |  |
|--|--|
| I certify that (Name of Agent) <u>Consortia Consulting</u> is authorized to submit the information reported on behalf of the reporting carrier. I also certify that I am an officer of the reporting carrier; my responsibilities include ensuring the accuracy of the annual data reporting requirements provided to the authorized agent; and, to the best of my knowledge, the reports and data provided to the authorized agent is accurate. |  |
| Name of Authorized Agent:  | Consortia Consulting                             |
| Name of Reporting Carrier:   | KENNEBEC TEL CO                                  |
| Signature of Authorized Officer:   | CERTIFIED ONLINE Date: 06/27/2016                |
| Printed name of Authorized Officer:  | Rod Bowar  |
| Title or position of Authorized Officer:   | President/Manager                                |
| Telephone number of Authorized Officer:  | 6058692220 ext.                                  |
| Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier:  | 391668 Filing Due Date for this form: 07/01/2016 |
| Persons willfully making false statements on this form can be punished by fine or forfeiture under the Communications Act of 1934, 47 U.S.C. §§ 502, 503(b), or fine or imprisonment under Title 18 of the United States Code, 18 U.S.C. § 1001.   |  |

**TO BE COMPLETED BY THE AUTHORIZED AGENT:**

| Certification of Agent Authorized to File Annual Reports for CAF or LI Recipients on Behalf of Reporting Carrier   |  |
|--|--|
| I, as agent for the reporting carrier, certify that I am authorized to submit the annual reports for universal service support recipients on behalf of the reporting carrier; I have provided the data reported herein based on data provided by the reporting carrier; and, to the best of my knowledge, the information reported herein is accurate. |  |
| Name of Reporting Carrier:   | KENNEBEC TEL CO                                  |
| Name of Authorized Agent Firm:   | Consortia Consulting                             |
| Signature of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent:  | CERTIFIED ONLINE Date: 06/27/2016                |
| Name of Authorized Agent Employee:   | Judy Christiansen                                |
| Title or position of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent   | Consultant                                       |
| Telephone number of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent:   | 4028181322 ext.                                  |
| Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier:  | 391668 Filing Due Date for this form: 07/01/2016 |
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## Attachments



|   |  |
|---|--|
| <b>(700) Price Offerings including Voice Rate Data</b><br><b>Data Collection Form</b> | FCC Form 481<br>OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819<br>July 2013 |
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July 2013

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| <701> | Residential Local Service Charge Effective Date    | 1/1/2016 |
| <702> | Single State-wide Residential Local Service Charge | 16.0     |

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| <b>(710) Broadband Price Offerings</b><br><b>Data Collection Form</b> | FCC Form 481<br>OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819<br>July 2013 |
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## **Kennebec Telephone Company**

### **Certification of Compliance with Applicable Service Quality Standards and Consumer Protection Rules for Voice and Broadband Services**

Service quality standards and consumer protection rules for broadband are not as defined as the rules for voice services. The Company complies with any service quality standards and consumer protection rules for broadband that are out there now and any that will be defined in the future.

#### Service Quality Standards

For voice services, the Company:

- Provides voice grade access to the public switched network.
- Provides flat rated local exchange service with no additional charge to end users.
- Provides access to the emergency services provided by local government or other public safety organizations, such as 911 and enhanced 911.
- Provides toll blocking and toll limitation services.

For voice and broadband services, the Company:

- Advertises the availability of its services and the charges using media of general distribution and/or on its website.
- Maintains a business office providing customers with access to a customer service representative either in person or via a local telephone call or toll-free telephone number during business hours.
- Directs after hour calls to the Company's help desk.
- Directs trouble reports to the on-call technician.
- Tracks all service orders to ensure they are completed in a timely manner.
- Measures its service connection and service interruption performance on a regular basis.
- Trains employees to:
  - Answer all incoming calls promptly.
  - Respond to all inquiries for information promptly and courteously.
  - Investigate thoroughly all customer complaints and handle appropriately according to the Company's guidelines for resolution of customer complaints.
  - Be knowledgeable about products and service offerings so they can assist the customer with selecting the best service option.
- Has a process for periodic inspection, testing and preventive maintenance of its equipment to permit the rendering of safe, adequate and continuous service at all times.
- Meets or exceeds the standards established by the state commission and provides any reports required in accordance with the state commission's rules.

#### Consumer Protection Rules

The Company has established operating procedures designed to facilitate compliance with applicable consumer protection rules which include compliance with the Customer Proprietary Network Information (CPNI) rules. The operating procedures include:

- Appointment of a compliance officer.
- A manual detailing the specific procedures for protecting consumer information.
- Employee training on an annual basis.
- A disciplinary process for improper use of consumer information.

If complaints are filed with the Company regarding consumer protection rules, the complaint is immediately investigated, the matter tracked and any corrective action noted. This process ensures that problems are addressed and corrections made.

**Kennebec Telephone Company**  
**Functionality in Emergency Situations**

**Back-Up Power**

The Company has a reasonable amount of back-up power to ensure functionality without an external power source. Central Offices, DLC Cabinets, and FTTH ONTs all have minimum 8 hour battery backup. Central Offices have standby generators, and we have portable generators to provide power to DLC cabinets if needed. We have a plan to replace ONT batteries with charged spare batteries. This applies to both voice and broadband services to our customers.

**Rerouting of Traffic around Damaged Facilities**

The Company is able to reroute traffic around damaged facilities. Our regulated inter-exchange and intra-exchange traffic is on a SONET ring with diverse routing to prevent being isolated by a fiber cut. The same local loop serves both the voice and broadband services to the subscriber.

**Traffic Spikes**

We have a significant amount of unused switching capacity to handle sporadic traffic spikes resulting from emergency situations. We have 72 2-way trunks between Kennebec Telephone Company and SDN for inter-exchange traffic. We have 24 trunks for incoming wireless from SDN or outgoing LNP traffic to SDN. We have one T1 for incoming traffic from Century Link. As for broadband, we routinely monitor the overall customer usage and feel we have enough capacity to handle usage spikes.

Kennebec Telephone Company, Inc.

Description of Tribal Engagement

The Company provides services in Lower Brule Reservation. On August 3, 2015, by letter sent via certified mail to the Lower Brule Sioux Tribe Chairman, the Company requested a meeting with the Lower Brule Sioux Tribe to exchange information and discuss issues related to the deployment and provisioning of communications services on Tribal lands. The Company did not receive a response to this letter. The Company submitted another letter via certified mail on October 5, 2015. The Lower Brule Reservation has not yet responded to these requests to allow for the scheduling of an “engagement” meeting.

In accordance with provisions in the FCC’s USF and ICC Transformation Order, paragraphs 636 and 637, and 47 CFR 54.313(a)(9), at the meetings with the Tribal Authorities, the Company will, with tribal input, develop a needs assessment to assist with future service deployments on Tribal lands. In particular, the Company and the Tribal Authority discussions relating to needs and service deployment will be focused on community anchor institutions. The feasibility and sustainability of communications services on tribal lands will be discussed and the Company will, with assistance from the Tribal Authorities, attempt to identify additional steps that can be taken to make essential communications services deployed on Tribal lands both feasible and sustainable. The Company and Tribal Authorities will also discuss and explore ways in which they can coordinate or partner to ensure that services are marketed on tribal lands in a manner that will relate to the community and resonate with consumers, with the aim of increasing service adoption. At such meetings, the Company will also be prepared to discuss the relevant rights-of-way and other permitting and review processes, as well as any challenges associated with these processes. And finally, the Company will come to any such meetings prepared to discuss and engage the Tribal Authorities on any relevant and applicable Tribal business and licensing requirements.



August 3, 2015

Lower Brule Sioux Tribe Chairman  
PO Box 187  
Lower Brule, SD 57548-0187

Dear: Mr. Chairman,

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC), as part of its 2012 Order reforming the federal universal service mechanisms related to telecommunications and information services, adopted new "Tribal Engagement" provisions that are intended to improve communications and foster a greater understanding between service providers and Tribal entities of the factors necessary to deploy and sustain telecommunication services on Tribal lands. See FCC Public Notice, Office of Native Affairs and Policy, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, and Wireline Competition Bureau Issue Further Guidance on Tribal Engagement Obligation Provisions of the Connect America Fund, DA 12-1165, released July 19, 2012.

Pursuant to the FCC's rules related to Tribal Engagement Kennebec Telephone Co., Inc. would, as soon as possible, like to begin discussions with the Lower Brule Sioux Tribe in a manner consistent with the FCC rules. Accordingly, we would request a meeting with the Tribe and it is our hope that this meeting could be held sometime prior to the end of October, 2015. The purpose of this meeting will, generally, be to exchange information related to the deployment and provisioning of communications services on Tribal lands.

While Kennebec Telephone Co., Inc. leaves to your discretion attendees from the tribe at this requested meeting, it is important that at least some of the tribal representative attendees at the meeting are "decision-makers," as this can change the perspectives of the discussions. Kennebec Telephone Co., Inc. asks that the Lower Brule Sioux Tribe provide a name and contact information for a Tribal representative who can assist in scheduling and arranging a meeting with the appropriate Tribal government staff and leaders to discuss deployment and sustainability of telecommunications services on Tribal lands. This information may be provided to the undersigned by calling (605) 869-2220, or through an e-mail directed to [rodb@kennebectelephone.com](mailto:rodb@kennebectelephone.com).

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. We look forward to discussing these important matters with you.

Sincerely,

Rod Bowar  
President/Manager  
Kennebec Telephone Co., Inc.

**SENDER: COMPLETE THIS SECTION**

- Complete items 1, 2, and 3.
- Print your name and address on the reverse so that we can return the card to you.
- Attach this card to the back of the mailpiece, or on the front if space permits.

1. Article Addressed to:

Lower Brule Sioux Tribe  
Chairman  
PO Box 187  
Lower Brule, SD 57548-0187



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2. Article Number (Transfer from service label)

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**COMPLETE THIS SECTION ON DELIVERY**

A. Signature

x *Tresh London*

☐ Agent

☐ Addressee

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*Tresh London*

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☐ Signature Confirmation™

☐ Signature Confirmation Restricted Delivery



October 5, 2015

Lower Brule Sioux Tribe Chariman  
PO Box 187  
Lower Brule, SD 57548-0187

Dear: Mr. Chairman,

As noted in my earlier letter to you dated August 3, 2015 the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), as part of its 2012 Order reforming the federal universal service mechanisms related to telecommunications and information services, adopted new "Tribal Engagement" provisions that are intended to improve communications and foster a greater understanding between service providers and Tribal entities of the factors necessary to deploy and sustain telecommunication services on Tribal lands. See FCC Public Notice, Office of Native Affairs and Policy, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, and Wireline Competition Bureau Issue Further Guidance on Tribal Engagement Obligation Provisions of the Connect America Fund, DA 12-1165, released July 19, 2012.

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Sincerely,

Rod Bowar  
President/Manager  
Kennebec Telephone Co., Inc

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Lower Brule Sioux Tribe  
PO. Box 187  
Chairman  
Lower Brule, SD 57548-0187



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x *Thresh Sund* ☐ Agent  
☐ Addressee

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*Thresh Sund* ☐ Agent  
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- ☐ Signature Confirmation™
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Domestic Return Receipt



**Kennebec Telephone Company****Lifeline Terms and Conditions**

Kennebec Telephone Company ("Kennebec") offers Lifeline program-supported service to qualified low-income residential consumers for one telephone line per eligible household. The Lifeline program provides discounts to eligible low-income consumers to help them establish and maintain telephone service. Lifeline assistance lowers the cost of basic, monthly local telephone service. Eligible consumers can receive \$9.25 per month in discounts. In addition, the Federal Universal Service Charge is not assessed to consumers participating in Lifeline. Toll Blocking prevents the placement of all long distance calls for which a subscriber would be charged. Toll blocking is available to eligible consumers at no cost. Also, by choosing this option, consumers are usually not charged a deposit.

**Lifeline Program Eligibility Information****Program Based Eligibility**

Consumers are eligible for Lifeline if they, one of their dependents or their household participate in one of the following qualifying assistance programs:

Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)  
 Federal Public Housing Assistance (Section 8)  
 Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)  
 Medicaid  
 National School Lunch Program's Free Lunch Program  
 Supplemental Security Income (SSI)  
 Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)

Lifeline applicants must present documentation demonstrating eligibility either through participation in one of the qualifying federal assistance programs or through income-based means.

Acceptable documentation of program-based eligibility includes: current or prior year's statement of benefits from a qualifying state, federal or Tribal program; notice letter of participation in a qualifying state, federal or Tribal program; program participation documents; or another official document evidencing the consumer's participation in a qualifying state, federal or Tribal program.

**Income Based Eligibility**

In addition, consumers are eligible for Lifeline if their household income is at or below 135% of the federal poverty guidelines.

**2016 Federal Poverty Guidelines – 135%**

| <b>Household Size</b>           | <b>48 Contiguous States and D.C.</b> | <b>Alaska</b> | <b>Hawaii</b> |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| 1                               | \$16,038                             | \$20,034      | \$18,455      |
| 2                               | \$21,627                             | \$27,027      | \$24,881      |
| 3                               | \$27,216                             | \$34,020      | \$31,307      |
| 4                               | \$32,805                             | \$41,013      | \$37,733      |
| 5                               | \$38,394                             | \$48,006      | \$44,159      |
| 6                               | \$43,983                             | \$54,972      | \$50,585      |
| 7                               | \$49,586                             | \$61,992      | \$57,010      |
| 8                               | \$55,202                             | \$69,012      | \$63,464      |
| For each additional person, add | \$5,616                              | \$7,020       | \$6,453       |

Acceptable documentation of income eligibility includes: prior year's state, federal or Tribal tax return; current income statement from an employer or paycheck stub; social security statement of benefits; Veterans Administration statement of benefits; retirement/pension statement of benefits; unemployment/workmen's compensation statement of benefits; federal or Tribal notice of letter participating in General Assistance; or a divorce decree or child support award or other official document containing income information.

### **Tribal Eligibility**

A subscriber who lives on Tribal lands and is an eligible resident of Tribal lands is eligible for Tribal Lifeline service or Tribal Link Up if the subscriber, one or more of the subscriber's dependents, or the subscriber's household participates in any of the above-listed qualifying assistance programs or one of the following Tribal-specific federal assistance programs: Bureau of Indian Affairs General Assistance; Tribally Administered Temporary Assistance for Needy Families; Head Start (if income eligibility criteria are met); or the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR). Tribal subscribers may also qualify if the household income is at or below 135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines.

### **Numbers of Minutes-of-Use Provided as Part of Lifeline Program Service**

Kennebec's Voice Lifeline service includes unlimited local minutes-of-use within the toll-free calling area. Kennebec's Voice Lifeline Plan does not include any free minutes-of-use for toll. Toll is billed at the standard toll rate depending on which interexchange carrier the consumer subscribes to for toll service. As part of the Lifeline service, Toll blocking is available to eligible consumers at no cost.

### **Rates**

Subscribers may receive the Lifeline credit on any type or grade of local service, including bundled services that are normally offered by Kennebec. Advertised rates do not include any applicable taxes or surcharges.

### **Recertification of Lifeline Eligibility**

Lifeline recipients are required to recertify their eligibility annually. Failure to properly recertify a recipient's continued eligibility for the Lifeline program will result in termination of the Lifeline recipient's monthly Lifeline discount and de-enrollment from the Lifeline Program.

### **Additional Lifeline Program Information**

The Lifeline program is limited to one benefit per household, consisting of either wireline or wireless service. A household is defined, for purposes of the Lifeline program, as an individual or group of individuals who live together at the same address and share income and expenses. Lifeline is a government benefit program, and consumers who willfully make false statements in order to obtain the benefit can be punished by fine or imprisonment or can be barred from the program.

## **Kennebec Telephone Company**

### **Progress Report of 5 Year Plan – Milestone Certification**

To be in compliance with the Milestone Certification of providing upon a reasonable request broadband service at actual speeds of 10 Mbps downstream/1 Mbps upstream:

- Kennebec Telephone Company certifies that it has taken reasonable steps to provide upon a reasonable request broadband service at actual speeds of 10 Mbps downstream/1 Mbps upstream with latency suitable for real-time applications, including Voice over Internet Protocol.
- The Company provides usage capacity that is reasonably comparable to comparable offerings in urban areas.
- The Company certifies that requests for such service are met within a reasonable amount of time.

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Five-Year Plan Progress Report

**Kennebec Telephone Company**

**SAC: 391668**

**Year 2015 Federal Universal Service Receipts:**

|                                   |               |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|
|                                   |               |
| Interstate Access Support         | \$ [REDACTED] |
| Interstate Common Line Support    | \$ [REDACTED] |
| Connect America Fund Support      | \$ [REDACTED] |
| High Cost Loop Support            | \$ [REDACTED] |
| Safety Net Additive Support       | \$ [REDACTED] |
| Safety Valve Loop Cost Adjustment | \$ [REDACTED] |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                      | \$ [REDACTED] |

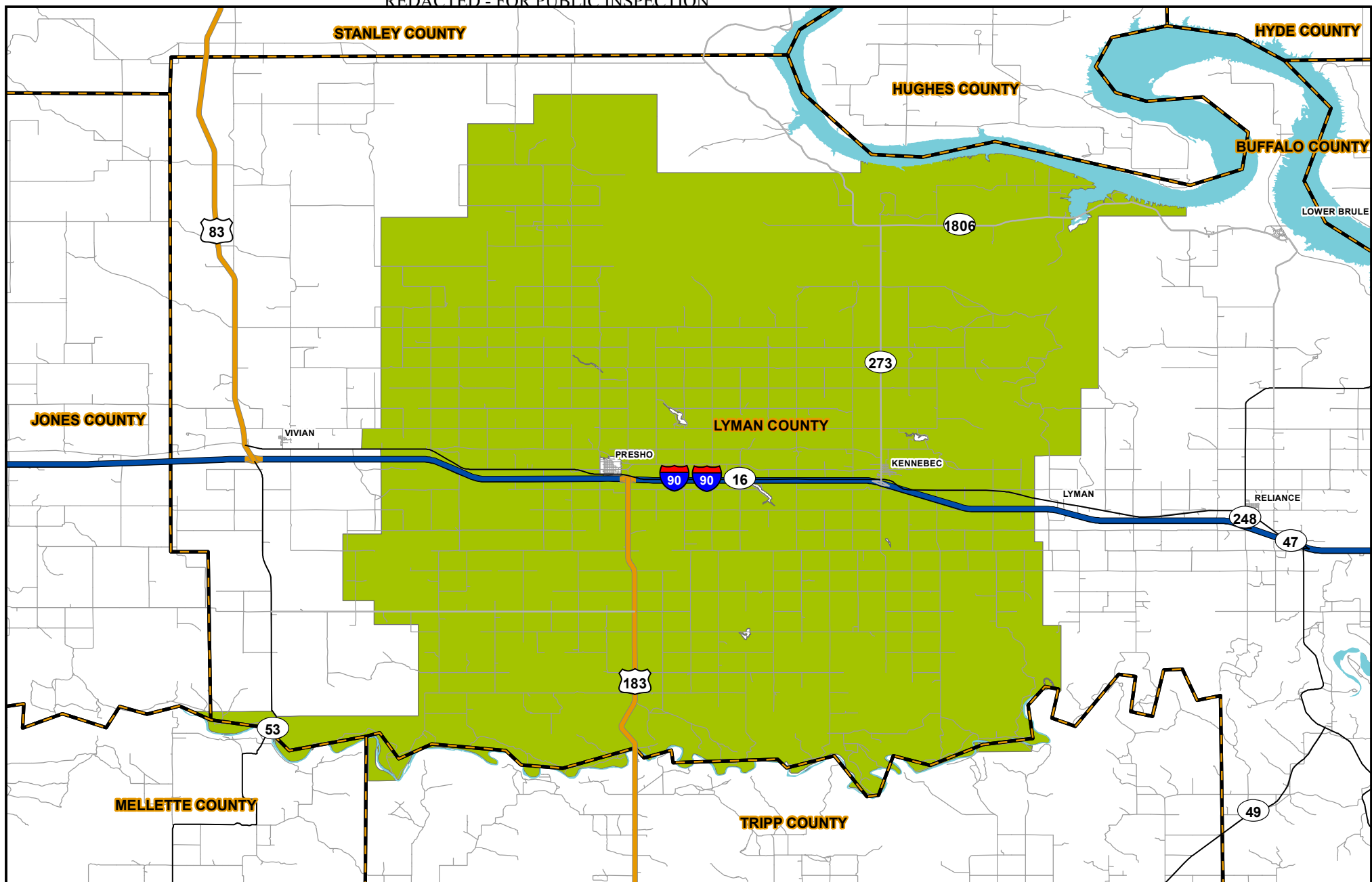
**Expenditures For Provision, Maintenance, and Upgrading Of Facilities and Services Supported By Federal Universal Service Funding:**

|  |               |
|--|---------------|
|  | Actual        |
|  | 2015          |
| <b>Plant Specific Operations Expenses</b>                          |               |
| Network support (Accts 6110-16)                                    | \$ [REDACTED] |
| General support (Accts 6120-24)                                    | \$ [REDACTED] |
| Central office (Accts 6210-6232)                                   | \$ [REDACTED] |
| Cable and wire facilities (Accts 6410-41)                          | \$ [REDACTED] |
| Network operations (Accts 6530-35)                                 | \$ [REDACTED] |
| Depreciation and amortization (Accts 6560-65)                      | \$ [REDACTED] |
| <b>Customer Operations Expenses</b>                                |               |
| Customer services (Accts 6611-23)                                  | \$ [REDACTED] |
| <b>Corporate Operations Expenses</b>                               |               |
| Executive and planning (Accts 6710-12)                             | \$ [REDACTED] |
| General and administrative (Accts 6720-28)                         | \$ [REDACTED] |
| <b>Total Years Supported Expenses, Before Return on Investment</b> | \$ [REDACTED] |
|  |               |
| <b>Additions/Capx</b>  |               |
| Switching (Acct 2210)  | \$ [REDACTED] |
| Transmission (Acct 2230)   | \$ [REDACTED] |
| Cable and wire (Acct 2410)   | \$ [REDACTED] |
| <b>Total</b>   | \$ [REDACTED] |
| <b>Total Supported Expenditures, Before Return on Investment</b>   | \$ [REDACTED] |
|  |               |

It is estimated that [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] of universal service funding received in 2015 was used to ensure and improve *service quality*. This ensures that the network is maintained and operated to provide telecommunications and information services as well as interexchange services and advanced telecommunications that are reasonably comparable to those services offered in urban areas and are available at rates that are reasonably comparable to rates charged for similar services in urban areas. Expenditures are not tracked at the wire center or census block level and are reported here on a total service area basis. We believe it is reasonable to conclude the same % of universal service funding received in 2015 will be used to ensure and improve service quality in 2016.

It is estimated that [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] of universal service funding received in 2015 was used to improve *service coverage* at wire centers served by our company for telecommunications and information services as well as interexchange services and advanced telecommunications (broadband). Due to these expenditures, [REDACTED] of households in our service area currently have access to our broadband capable network. Expenditures are not tracked at the wire center or census block level and are reported here on a total service area basis. We believe it is reasonable to conclude the same % of universal service funding received in 2015 will be used to improve service coverage in 2016.

It is estimated that [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] of universal service funding received in 2015 was used to improve *service capacity* at wire centers served by our company for telecommunications and information services as well as interexchange services and advanced telecommunications (broadband). Due to these expenditures approximately [REDACTED] of households in our service area have access to our broadband capable network at speeds that meet or exceed 10Mbps/1Mbps. For those not currently at 10 Mbps /1 Mbps the service is available upon reasonable request as fiber has been deployed to the field electronics that serve the local loop and the customers are currently capable of receiving 8 Mbps /1 Mbps service. Expenditures are not tracked at the wire center or census block level and are reported here on a total service area basis. We believe it is reasonable to conclude the same % of universal service funding received in 2015 will be used to improve service capacity in 2016.



Kennebec Telephone Company Inc

Service area and Speeds Available as on 6/1/2016





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| <b>USDA-RUS</b><br><br><b>OPERATING REPORT FOR<br/>TELECOMMUNICATIONS BORROWERS</b>  |                               | <i>This data will be used by RUS to review your financial situation. Your response is required by 7 U.S.C. 901 et seq. and, subject to federal laws and regulations regarding confidential information, will be treated as confidential.</i><br><b>BORROWER NAME</b><br><br>Kennebec Telephone Company, Inc. |  |
| <b>INSTRUCTIONS</b> -Submit report to RUS within 30 days after close of the period.<br>For detailed instructions, see RUS Bulletin 1744-2. Report in whole dollars only.   |                               | <b>PERIOD ENDING</b><br>December, 2015   | <b>BORROWER DESIGNATION</b><br>SD0536                                |
| <b>CERTIFICATION</b><br><br>We hereby certify that the entries in this report are in accordance with the accounts and other records of the system and reflect the status of the system to the best of our knowledge and belief.<br><b>ALL INSURANCE REQUIRED BY 7 CFR PART 1788, CHAPTER XVII, RUS, WAS IN FORCE DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD AND RENEWALS HAVE BEEN OBTAINED FOR ALL POLICIES.</b><br><br><b>DURING THE PERIOD COVERED BY THIS REPORT PURSUANT TO PART 1788 OF 7CFR CHAPTER XVII</b><br>(Check one of the following) |                               |  |  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All of the obligations under the RUS loan documents have been fulfilled in all material respects.  |                               | <input type="checkbox"/> There has been a default in the fulfillment of the obligations under the RUS loan documents. Said default(s) is/are specifically described in the Telecom Operating Report  |  |
| Rod Bowar<br>_____   |                               | 3/17/2016<br>DATE  |  |
| <b>PART A. BALANCE SHEET</b>   |                               |  |  |
| <b>ASSETS</b>  | <b>BALANCE<br/>PRIOR YEAR</b> | <b>BALANCE<br/>END OF PERIOD</b>   | <b>LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY</b>                          |
| <b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>  |                               |  | <b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>   |
| 1. Cash and Equivalents  |                               |  | 25. Accounts Payable   |
| 2. Cash-RUS Construction Fund  |                               |  | 26. Notes Payable  |
| 3. Affiliates:   |                               |  | 27. Advance Billings and Payments                                    |
| a. Telecom, Accounts Receivable  |                               |  | 28. Customer Deposits  |
| b. Other Accounts Receivable   |                               |  | 29. Current Mat. L/T Debt  |
| c. Notes Receivable  |                               |  | 30. Current Mat. L/T Debt-Rur. Dev.                                  |
| 4. Non-Affiliates:   |                               |  | 31. Current Mat.-Capital Leases                                      |
| a. Telecom, Accounts Receivable  |                               |  | 32. Income Taxes Accrued   |
| b. Other Accounts Receivable   |                               |  | 33. Other Taxes Accrued  |
| c. Notes Receivable  |                               |  | 34. Other Current Liabilities  |
| 5. Interest and Dividends Receivable   |                               |  | 35. <b>Total Current Liabilities (25 thru 34)</b>                    |
| 6. Material-Regulated  |                               |  | <b>LONG-TERM DEBT</b>  |
| 7. Material-Nonregulated   |                               |  | 36. Funded Debt-RUS Notes  |
| 8. Prepayments   |                               |  | 37. Funded Debt-RTB Notes  |
| 9. Other Current Assets  |                               |  | 38. Funded Debt-FFB Notes  |
| 10. <b>Total Current Assets (1 Thru 9)</b>   |                               |  | 39. Funded Debt-Other  |
| <b>NONCURRENT ASSETS</b>   |                               |  | 40. Funded Debt-Rural Develop. Loan                                  |
| 11. Investment in Affiliated Companies   |                               |  | 41. Premium (Discount) on L/T Debt                                   |
| a. Rural Development   |                               |  | 42. Reacquired Debt  |
| b. Nonrural Development  |                               |  | 43. Obligations Under Capital Lease                                  |
| 12. Other Investments  |                               |  | 44. Adv. From Affiliated Companies                                   |
| a. Rural Development   |                               |  | 45. Other Long-Term Debt   |
| b. Nonrural Development  |                               |  | 46. <b>Total Long-Term Debt (36 thru 45)</b>                         |
| 13. Nonregulated Investments   |                               |  | <b>OTHER LIAB. &amp; DEF. CREDITS</b>                                |
| 14. Other Noncurrent Assets  |                               |  | 47. Other Long-Term Liabilities                                      |
| 15. Deferred Charges   |                               |  | 48. Other Deferred Credits   |
| 16. Jurisdictional Differences   |                               |  | 49. Other Jurisdictional Differences                                 |
| 17. <b>Total Noncurrent Assets (11 thru 16)</b>  |                               |  | 50. <b>Total Other Liabilities and Deferred Credits (47 thru 49)</b> |
| <b>PLANT, PROPERTY, AND EQUIPMENT</b>  |                               |  | <b>EQUITY</b>  |
| 18. Telecom, Plant-in-Service  |                               |  | 51. Cap. Stock Outstand. & Subscribed                                |
| 19. Property Held for Future Use   |                               |  | 52. Additional Paid-in-Capital                                       |
| 20. Plant Under Construction   |                               |  | 53. Treasury Stock   |
| 21. Plant Adj., Nonop. Plant & Goodwill  |                               |  | 54. Membership and Cap. Certificates                                 |
| 22. Less Accumulated Depreciation  |                               |  | 55. Other Capital  |
| 23. <b>Net Plant (18 thru 21 less 22)</b>  |                               |  | 56. Patronage Capital Credits  |
| 24. <b>TOTAL ASSETS (10+17+23)</b>   |                               |  | 57. Retained Earnings or Margins                                     |
|  |                               |  | 58. <b>Total Equity (51 thru 57)</b>                                 |
|  |                               |  | 59. <b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY (35+46+50+58)</b>                |

Total Equity = [REDACTED] of Total Assets

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| INSTRUCTIONS- See RUS Bulletin 1744-2   | PERIOD ENDING<br><br>December, 2015 |           |
| <b>PART B. STATEMENTS OF INCOME AND RETAINED EARNINGS OR MARGINS</b>            |                                     |           |
| ITEM  | PRIOR YEAR                          | THIS YEAR |
| 1. Local Network Services Revenues  |                                     |           |
| 2. Network Access Services Revenues   |                                     |           |
| 3. Long Distance Network Services Revenues                                      |                                     |           |
| 4. Carrier Billing and Collection Revenues                                      |                                     |           |
| 5. Miscellaneous Revenues   |                                     |           |
| 6. Uncollectible Revenues   |                                     |           |
| 7. Net Operating Revenues (1 thru 6 less 6)                                     |                                     |           |
| 8. Plant Specific Operations Expense  |                                     |           |
| 9. Plant Nonspecific Operations Expense (Excluding Depreciation & Amortization) |                                     |           |
| 10. Depreciation Expense  |                                     |           |
| 11. Amortization Expense  |                                     |           |
| 12. Customer Operations Expense   |                                     |           |
| 13. Corporate Operations Expense  |                                     |           |
| 14. Total Operating Expenses (8 thru 13)  |                                     |           |
| 15. Operating Income or Margins (7 less 14)                                     |                                     |           |
| 16. Other Operating Income and Expenses   |                                     |           |
| 17. State and Local Taxes   |                                     |           |
| 18. Federal Income Taxes  |                                     |           |
| 19. Other Taxes   |                                     |           |
| 20. Total Operating Taxes (17+18+19)  |                                     |           |
| 21. Net Operating Income or Margins (15+16-20)                                  |                                     |           |
| 22. Interest on Funded Debt   |                                     |           |
| 23. Interest Expense - Capital Leases   |                                     |           |
| 24. Other Interest Expense  |                                     |           |
| 25. Allowance for Funds Used During Construction                                |                                     |           |
| 26. Total Fixed Charges (22+23+24-25)   |                                     |           |
| 27. Nonoperating Net Income   |                                     |           |
| 28. Extraordinary Items   |                                     |           |
| 29. Jurisdictional Differences  |                                     |           |
| 30. Nonregulated Net Income   |                                     |           |
| 31. Total Net Income or Margins (21+27+28+29-30-26)                             |                                     |           |
| 32. Total Taxes Based on Income   |                                     |           |
| 33. Retained Earnings or Margins Beginning-of-Year                              |                                     |           |
| 34. Miscellaneous Credits Year-to-Date  |                                     |           |
| 35. Dividends Declared (Common)   |                                     |           |
| 36. Dividends Declared (Preferred)  |                                     |           |
| 37. Other Debits Year-to-Date   |                                     |           |
| 38. Transfers to Patronage Capital  |                                     |           |
| 39. Retained Earnings or Margins End-of-Period [(31+33+34) - (35+36+37+38)]     |                                     |           |
| 40. Patronage Capital Beginning-of-Year   |                                     |           |
| 41. Transfers to Patronage Capital  |                                     |           |
| 42. Patronage Capital Credits Retired   |                                     |           |
| 43. Patronage Capital End-of-Year (40+41-42)                                    |                                     |           |
| 44. Annual Debt Service Payments  |                                     |           |
| 45. Cash Ratio [(14+20-10-11) / 7]  |                                     |           |
| 46. Operating Accrual Ratio [(14+20+26) / 7]                                    |                                     |           |
| 47. TIER [(31+26) / 26]   |                                     |           |
| 48. DSCR [(31+26+10+11) / 44]   |                                     |           |

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| <p align="center"><b>Part C. SUBSCRIBER (ACCESS LINE), ROUTE MILE, &amp; HIGH SPEED DATA INFORMATION</b></p>   |            |            |                               |                    |              |   |              |
| EXCHANGE   | 1. RATES   |            | 2. SUBSCRIBERS (ACCESS LINES) |                    |              | 3. ROUTE MILES  |              |
|  | B-1<br>(a) | R-1<br>(b) | BUSINESS<br>(a)               | RESIDENTIAL<br>(b) | TOTAL<br>(c) | TOTAL<br>(including fiber)<br>(a)   | FIBER<br>(b) |
| Kennebec   |            |            |                               |                    |              |   |              |
| Presho   |            |            |                               |                    |              |   |              |
| MobileWireless   |            |            |                               |                    |              |   |              |
| Route Mileage<br>Outside Exchange<br>Area  |            |            |                               |                    |              |   |              |
| Total  |            |            |                               |                    |              |   |              |
| No. Exchanges  |            |            |                               |                    |              |   |              |

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| <p><b>4. BROADBAND SERVICE</b></p>  |   |                                       |                                 |  |  |                        |   |                              |
| <p><b>Details on Least Expensive Broadband Service</b></p>  |   |                                       |                                 |  |  |                        |   |                              |
| EXCHANGE  | No. Access Lines<br>with BB<br>available<br>(a) | No Of Broadband<br>Subscribers<br>(b) | Number Of<br>Subscribers<br>(c) | Advertised<br>Download Rate<br>(Kbps)<br>(d) | Advertised<br>Upload<br>Rate (Kbps)<br>(e) | Price Per Month<br>(f) | Standalone/Pckg<br>(f)  | Type Of<br>Technology<br>(g) |
| Kennebec  |   |                                       |                                 |  |  |                        |   |                              |
| Presho  |   |                                       |                                 |  |  |                        |   |                              |
| Total   |   |                                       |                                 |  |  |                        |   |                              |

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| INSTRUCTIONS- See RUS Bulletin 1744-2   |                                    |  |  |   |                               |
| <b>PART D. SYSTEM DATA</b>  |                                    |  |  |   |                               |
| 1. No. Plant Employees  | 2. No. Other Employees             | 3. Square Miles Served   | 4. Access Lines per Square Mile                |   |                               |
|   |                                    |  |  |   |                               |
| <b>PART E. TOLL DATA</b>  |                                    |  |  |   |                               |
| 1. Study Area ID Code(s)<br><br>a. 391668<br>b. _____<br>c. _____<br>d. _____<br>e. _____<br>f. _____<br>g. _____<br>h. _____<br>i. _____<br>j. _____ |                                    | 2. Types of Toll Settlements (Check one)<br><br>Interstate: <input type="checkbox"/> Average Schedule <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cost Basis<br><br>Intrastate: <input type="checkbox"/> Average Schedule <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cost Basis |  |   |                               |
| <b>PART F. FUNDS INVESTED IN PLANT DURING YEAR</b>  |                                    |  |  |   |                               |
| 1. RUS, RTB, & FFB Loan Funds Expended  |                                    |  |  |   |                               |
| 2. Other Long-Term Loan Funds Expended  |                                    |  |  |   |                               |
| 3. Funds Expended Under RUS Interim Approval  |                                    |  |  |   |                               |
| 4. Other Short-Term Loan Funds Expended   |                                    |  |  |   |                               |
| 5. General Funds Expended (Other than Interim)  |                                    |  |  |   |                               |
| 6. Salvaged Materials   |                                    |  |  |   |                               |
| 7. Contribution in Aid to Construction  |                                    |  |  |   |                               |
| 8. Gross Additions to Telecom. Plant (1 thru 7)   |                                    |  |  |   |                               |
| <b>PART G. INVESTMENTS IN AFFILIATED COMPANIES</b>  |                                    |  |  |   |                               |
| INVESTMENTS<br><br>(a)  | CURRENT YEAR DATA                  |  | CUMULATIVE DATA                                |   |                               |
|   | Investment<br>This Year<br><br>(b) | Income/Loss<br>This Year<br><br>(c)  | Cumulative<br>Investment<br>To Date<br><br>(d) | Cumulative<br>Income/Loss<br>To Date<br><br>(e) | Current<br>Balance<br><br>(f) |
| 1. Investment in Affiliated Companies - Rural Development   |                                    |  |  |   |                               |
| 2. Investment in Affiliated Companies - Nonrural Development  |                                    |  |  |   |                               |

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**PART H. CURRENT DEPRECIATION RATES**

Are corporation's depreciation rates approved by the regulatory authority with jurisdiction over the provision of telephone services? (Check one) ☐ YES ☒ NO

| EQUIPMENT CATEGORY  | DEPRECIATION RATE |
|---|-------------------|
| 1. Land and support assets - Motor Vehicles                                   |                   |
| 2. Land and support assets - Aircraft   |                   |
| 3. Land and support assets - Special purpose vehicles                         |                   |
| 4. Land and support assets - Garage and other work equipment                  |                   |
| 5. Land and support assets - Buildings  |                   |
| 6. Land and support assets - Furniture and Office equipment                   |                   |
| 7. Land and support assets - General purpose computers                        |                   |
| 8. Central Office Switching - Digital   |                   |
| 9. Central Office Switching - Analog & Electro-mechanical                     |                   |
| 10. Central Office Switching - Operator Systems                               |                   |
| 11. Central Office Transmission - Radio Systems                               |                   |
| 12. Central Office Transmission - Circuit equipment                           |                   |
| 13. Information origination/termination - Station apparatus                   |                   |
| 14. Information origination/termination - Customer premises wiring            |                   |
| 15. Information origination/termination - Large private branch exchanges      |                   |
| 16. Information origination/termination - Public telephone terminal equipment |                   |
| 17. Information origination/termination - Other terminal equipment            |                   |
| 18. Cable and wire facilities - Poles   |                   |
| 19. Cable and wire facilities - Aerial cable - Metal                          |                   |
| 20. Cable and wire facilities - Aerial cable - Fiber                          |                   |
| 21. Cable and wire facilities - Underground cable - Metal                     |                   |
| 22. Cable and wire facilities - Underground cable - Fiber                     |                   |
| 23. Cable and wire facilities - Buried cable - Metal                          |                   |
| 24. Cable and wire facilities - Buried cable - Fiber                          |                   |
| 25. Cable and wire facilities - Conduit systems                               |                   |
| 26. Cable and wire facilities - Other   |                   |

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| INSTRUCTIONS – See help in the online application.   |  | PERIOD ENDED<br>December, 2015 |  |
| <b>PART I – STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS</b>  |  |                                |  |
| 1. Beginning Cash (Cash and Equivalents plus RUS Construction Fund)  |  |                                |  |
| <b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>  |  |                                |  |
| 2. Net Income  |  |                                |  |
| <i>Adjustments to Reconcile Net Income to Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities</i>                        |  |                                |  |
| 3. Add: Depreciation   |  |                                |  |
| 4. Add: Amortization   |  |                                |  |
| 5. Other (Explain)   |  |                                |  |
| <i>Changes in Operating Assets and Liabilities</i>   |  |                                |  |
| 6. Decrease/(Increase) in Accounts Receivable  |  |                                |  |
| 7. Decrease/(Increase) in Materials and Inventory  |  |                                |  |
| 8. Decrease/(Increase) in Prepayments and Deferred Charges   |  |                                |  |
| 9. Decrease/(Increase) in Other Current Assets   |  |                                |  |
| 10. Increase/(Decrease) in Accounts Payable  |  |                                |  |
| 11. Increase/(Decrease) in Advance Billings & Payments   |  |                                |  |
| 12. Increase/(Decrease) in Other Current Liabilities   |  |                                |  |
| 13. Net Cash Provided/(Used) by Operations   |  |                                |  |
| <b>CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>  |  |                                |  |
| 14. Decrease/(Increase) in Notes Receivable  |  |                                |  |
| 15. Increase/(Decrease) in Notes Payable   |  |                                |  |
| 16. Increase/(Decrease) in Customer Deposits   |  |                                |  |
| 17. Net Increase/(Decrease) in Long Term Debt (Including Current Maturities)                                   |  |                                |  |
| 18. Increase/(Decrease) in Other Liabilities & Deferred Credits  |  |                                |  |
| 19. Increase/(Decrease) in Capital Stock, Paid-in Capital, Membership and Capital Certificates & Other Capital |  |                                |  |
| 20. Less: Payment of Dividends   |  |                                |  |
| 21. Less: Patronage Capital Credits Retired  |  |                                |  |
| 22. Other (Explain)<br>Accum depr on retirement assets plus other tax accrual                                  |  |                                |  |
| 23. Net Cash Provided/(Used) by Financing Activities   |  |                                |  |
| <b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>  |  |                                |  |
| 24. Net Capital Expenditures (Property, Plant & Equipment)   |  |                                |  |
| 25. Other Long-Term Investments  |  |                                |  |
| 26. Other Noncurrent Assets & Jurisdictional Differences   |  |                                |  |
| 27. Other (Explain)  |  |                                |  |
| 28. Net Cash Provided/(Used) by Investing Activities   |  |                                |  |
| 29. Net Increase/(Decrease) in Cash  |  |                                |  |
| 30. Ending Cash  |  |                                |  |



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| <p>CERTIFICATION LOAN DEFAULT NOTES TO THE OPERATING REPORT FOR TELECOMMUNICATIONS BORROWERS</p> |   |
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